

the town alone. The addition of one Dafadar and 9 men to the existing force will answer all requirements.

Dewan's reply.—This will be considered by the Inspector General of Police.

Subject No. 348.

Repairs of Provincial Roads within Municipal limits by Public Works Department.

Summary of discussion.—The Channapatna Municipality is unable to repair the High Road within Municipal limits by taking an allotment for the purpose from the Public Works Department. It is requested that the road may as formerly be repaired by that Department.

Dewan's reply.—Let the Municipal Board represent in due course.

NELAMANGALA TALUK.

Subject No. 349.

Khalsat on Temple Inam lands.

Summary of discussion.—The question of Khalsat on Minor Inam lands was discussed in the last Representative Assembly and a list of cases where the Jodi and Khalsat were more than the Survey valuation was placed before Government. Enquiry into the matter was promised and the Survey and Inam Superintendent was called upon to report about it. Nothing, however, has since been done and an order to levy the Government dues as per Khalsat register has been received in the Taluk Office. Under the circumstances, *puja* service in many temples would be discontinued and many persons deprived of their living. Objection is taken not so much to the imposition of Khalsat as to the aggregate of Khalsat and former Jodi often exceeding the Inam and Survey valuation. (See No. 374 of the Proceedings of 1892.)

[Councillor the Hon'ble Mr. Chentsal Rao here observed that in such cases in the Madras Presidency the amount payable to Government in the aggregate would be reduced to the assessment or Survey valuation].

Dewan's reply.—We will try to grant some relief. Represent in individual cases to the Muzarayi Superintendent who will submit the necessary report to Government.

Subject No. 350.

Supply of vessels to Musafarkhanas.

Summary of discussion.—Vessels should be supplied at Musafarkhanas for the use of travellers.

Dewan's reply.—This may be done in some selected places.

Subject No. 351.

Government to assume charge of Sivaganga Matt Inams.

Summary of discussion.—The deplorable state of the Sivaganga Matt was brought to the notice of Government in the last Assembly. It is said that the attempt to get a loan from Government has failed. The rumour that the creditors are about to acquire the property of the Matt is heart-rending and it is unjust to allow it to occur. Government should therefore take up the Matt Inams under its own

management until the present *Swami* proves himself capable of being entrusted with them and thus save the Matt.

Dewan's reply.—The subject will be considered. The Matt Inams are unenfranchised and cannot be alienated.

Subject No. 352.

Exemption of persons of small income from trade and professional taxes.

Summary of discussion.—The taxes at present in force in Bangalore cause much hardship to poor traders. It is requested that persons of small income may be exempted from trade and professional taxes. Widows should also be exempted.

Dewan's reply.—The tax is not on persons but on properties. In some parts of the country, houses occupied by widows only are exempted, while in other parts the exemption is only in those cases in which the widow occupant is too poor to pay a house tax. The practice can be altered only when the existing Mohatarfa rules are revised.

Subject No. 353.

Assessment of cart tax.

Summary of discussion.—Some that ought to pay cart tax are exempted while others that should be exempted are made to pay. It should therefore be ruled that carts belonging to persons paying more than a fixed amount of Kandayam should be exempted.

Dewan's reply.—The present rule is that those carts are exempt which are used solely for agricultural purposes.

Subject No. 354.

Rules for assessing trade tax.

Summary of discussion.—There are rules for assessing house and some other taxes in Municipalities. But there is no rule for assessing trade tax and one should be framed.

Dewan's reply.—The Mohatarfa shop tax is levied according as the shop may be classed under one or other of four classes. The Jamabandi Officer will use a wise discretion in classification. In some places the classification is with reference to the volume of the trade carried on in the shop. When present Mohatarfa rules are revised a scale can be fixed.

CLOSEPET SUB-TALUK.

Subject No. 355.

Proposals for improving the Water Supply of Closepet Town.

Summary of discussion.—A sum of Rs. 10,000 has been sanctioned for supplying the town of Closepet with drinking water from the Arkavati. This would benefit only the inhabitants of the Closepet town. On the other hand, if an *anikat* be constructed across the river near Hallimalla village, three miles from Closepet, and two channels be drawn one to the east and the other to the west, not only would the town be supplied with drinking water but the channels would run for about 22 miles and supply water for purposes of cultivation in all the Hoblis of the Closepet Sub-Taluk and for a portion of Kankanhalli Taluk also. This would prove advantageous both to the people and Government which would get an increase of a lakh of Rupees in Revenue.